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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 12 p.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2012

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, God of the universe, for giving us another day.

As the various Members of this people's House return, we ask Your blessing upon each as they resume the difficult responsibilities that await them. Give each the wisdom and good judgment needed to give credit to the office they have been honored by their constituents to fill.

Bless the work of all who serve in their various capacities here in the United States Capitol.

Bless all those who visit the Capitol this very day, be they American citizens or visitors or guests of our Nation. May they be inspired by this monument to the noble idea of human freedom and its guarantee by the democratic experiment that is the United States.

God, bless America, and may all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. MCCOLLUM led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

GOVERNMENT ENERGY PLAN: MORE AIR

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, recently I met with some people in Texas in the trucking industry. We discussed the administration's domestic energy policy—how the administration is against using more American coal; how the administration is against drilling in ANWR; how the administration is stonewalling the drilling on Federal lands; how the administration has delayed offshore-drilling permits; and how the administration uses the EPA to block domestic energy production.

Since the administration is against so much, what is it in favor of? Then Dalton handed me this—yes, a tire gauge—and reminded me that the President touted his energy plan when he said this: We could save all the oil they are talking about getting off drilling if everybody would just inflate their tires and get tune-ups.

Really? That's it, more air in our tires? Now, you know, Mr. Speaker, more hot air will save us all. Now there's an energy plan we can all be proud of.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING MILLE LACS BAND CHIEF EXECUTIVE MARGE ANDERSON

(Ms. MCCOLLUM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my dear friend and outstanding tribal leader, Mille Lacs Band Chief Executive Marge Anderson. After 30 years of service to our community, Marge is retiring. I know I'm not alone in saying she will be missed.

Ms. Anderson first reached out to me when I was in the Minnesota State house. The education she provided on Indian treaty rights and the U.S. Constitution's guarantees of tribal sovereignty are lessons I still carry with me.

The first woman elected to serve as chief executive for the Mille Lacs Band, Marge promoted tribal self-governance, economic development, education, health care, and infrastructure. Chief Executive Anderson has also been recognized for her dedication to the welfare of Native American children, families, and communities by regional tribal organizations all around this country. I thank her for her inspired leadership, for her protection of tribal sovereignty, for her guidance and her

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